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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Chief, P & A

SUBJECT: CPA Library

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1. Pursuant of [REDACTED] memorandum of 14 April 1947 to the Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates, members of the Reference Branch staff have made numerous contacts with officials of CPA and members of the CPA Library - now under jurisdiction of the Office of the Housing Expeditor.

2. An initial discussion among ORE representatives from Reference and other Branches and a visit which this group had with the CPA Librarian in her library indicated that much of the library material accumulated by CPA is of interest to ORE and other CIG offices.

3. Since this initial action, Reference Branch activities in relation to the CPA Library have taken two turns:

(a) On the assumption that CPA personnel were being given pink slips and in anticipation of the closing out of their library, this office obtained through P & A 57 forms from most of the CPA librarians and clerks. These forms were carefully scrutinized and action was requested on some of the individuals concerned. Following this, however, the pink slips were taken back and none of the individuals in whom we had expressed interest decided to leave the Office of the Housing Expeditor to take up service with CIG.

(b) Librarians from the Reference Branch have been in touch with [REDACTED] Our librarians have, on a series of visits, determined the nature and quantity (in general) of that material which would be of interest to CIG. A copy of their report to me is attached. If at some later date a decision is made to liquidate the CPA Library, we would very much like to obtain the material indicated in this attached memorandum.

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4. As indicated by the general nature of our estimate based on a measurement by feet, I am sure you will understand the necessity of carrying out any final selection in person. [REDACTED] and the 25X1A9a

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other librarians working with her have had so many visits from other government librarians who have been attempting to "grab" material that her actual reception was cold although she made every effort to be co-operative. [redacted] feeling is the same now as when we originally approached her, namely, that the whole CPA Library now in charge of the Office of the Housing Expeditor should be maintained as an unit.

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Acting Chief  
Reference Branch, ORE

Attachment